

## **NCO-39-SF - FORCE PROTECTION (PIERSIDE) PLANNING EXERCISE**

### **PURPOSE**

Evaluate ship's ability to plan for and prepare a Force Protection Plan to counter a potential terrorist threat originating from shore while the ship is moored to a pier.

This exercise may be conducted in conjunction with NCO-41-SF, FORCE PROTECTION (WATERSIDE) PLANNING EXERCISE, to create a more complete scenario.

When conducted on a repetitive basis, the exercise scenario should be different enough between iterations to ensure that each planning effort requires a fresh start.

This exercise should be conducted using TM SWDG 3-20.4-01, Surface Ship Force Protection in an Asymmetrical Environment.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

A trusted agent cell, either the ship's own FP training team or an assist team from another command, which will provide a scenario with appropriate intelligence to stimulate the exercise ship's planning response.

### **PROCEDURES**

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### **EVALUATION**

#### **GENERAL**

1. Was FP plan appropriate to scenario?
2. If applicable, did FP plan include provision to include/incorporate host nation support/liaison?
3. Did plan adequately address internal and external communications?
4. Did plan include required external reporting requirements?

#### **PERIMETER**

1. Was ship's FP perimeter defined, demarcated and defended?
2. Did plan address visual indication of perimeter limits to FP personnel?
3. Did plan include tripwires?
4. Did plan include manning topsides with sentries?
5. Did plan address sentry requirements for body armor, appropriate weapons, radios and whistles?
6. Did plan cover warning procedures for topside sentries?

1. Designate trusted agent cell. The cell should have the requisite expertise to plan a realistic scenario. Outside assistance from activities with FP knowledge should be exploited where available.
2. Provide scenario to exercise ship no later than 24 hours prior to time completed plan is due from Exercise Ship.
3. Evaluate Force Protection Plan based on evaluation section below.

#### **EXERCISE SHIP**

1. Prepare FP plan appropriate to provided scenario.
2. Provide completed Force Protection Plan to OCE at directed time.

### **SAFETY**

In preparing a scenario-based exercise of this type, imagination and ingenuity are important ingredients in making the plan realistic and the training effective. However, the OCE and CO of the exercise ship must ensure that these efforts do not create potential safety problems. In all cases the use of force will be simulated. Operational Risk Management will be used to assure a safe environment is maintained.

## SEARCH PROCEDURES

1. Did plan address vehicle access to pier?
2. Did plan address where and how vehicles were to be searched?
3. Did plan address communications requirements between vehicle search location and ship?
4. Did plan require a location outside perimeter entry point to search unknown or unidentified personnel?
5. Did plan require a second checkpoint to search known personnel?
6. Did plan require a separate search area designated for the receipt of provisions?
7. Did plan describe how search procedures were to be conducted?

## WARNING PROCEDURES

1. Did plan require signs posted at all pierside entry points and at various points along the perimeter?
2. Did plan describe criteria for signage: brightly colored and large enough to be read from a distance?
3. Did plan require signs to be lighted so they could be read at night?
4. Did plan require signs to be written in the predominate language of the host nation and English?
5. Did plan address warnings to be given by perimeter sentries to remain clear of the immediate area and that access was restricted?
6. Did plan address how sentries were to react to personnel or vehicles that did not respond to signage, signals or initial warnings?

## WEAPONS EMPLOYMENT

1. Did plan include requirement that personnel carrying weapons be PQS qualified on weapons carried?
2. Did plan require all personnel carrying weapons to be trained in the use of deadly force?
3. Did plan address effective deployment of small arms; i.e., appropriate for threat direction, overlapping fields of fire and 360 degree protection?
4. Did plan address types of fire to be employed and tactics for engaging vehicles and personnel?
5. Did plan address need to be alert, in the event of an attack, for the possibility of a second attack from a different axis?

## USE OF LIGHTING

1. Did plan address illumination of sentry posts well lit with portable lighting (lighting directed outward, away from the sentry post and away from the ship).
2. Did plan require deck edge lighting?
3. If moored to pier, did plan require lighting to illuminate area under the pier?

## NON-LETHAL METHODS

1. Did FP plan include the use of non-lethal methods, where appropriate?